

# THROMBOTIC MICROANGIOPATHIES AKI



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# Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Magnitude of the problem**
- **When to suspect ??**
- **Approach to diagnosis and management**



# Introduction

- Intra-luminal **platelet** thrombosis
- **Capillaries, arterioles**
- Due to **endothelial injury**
- Results in

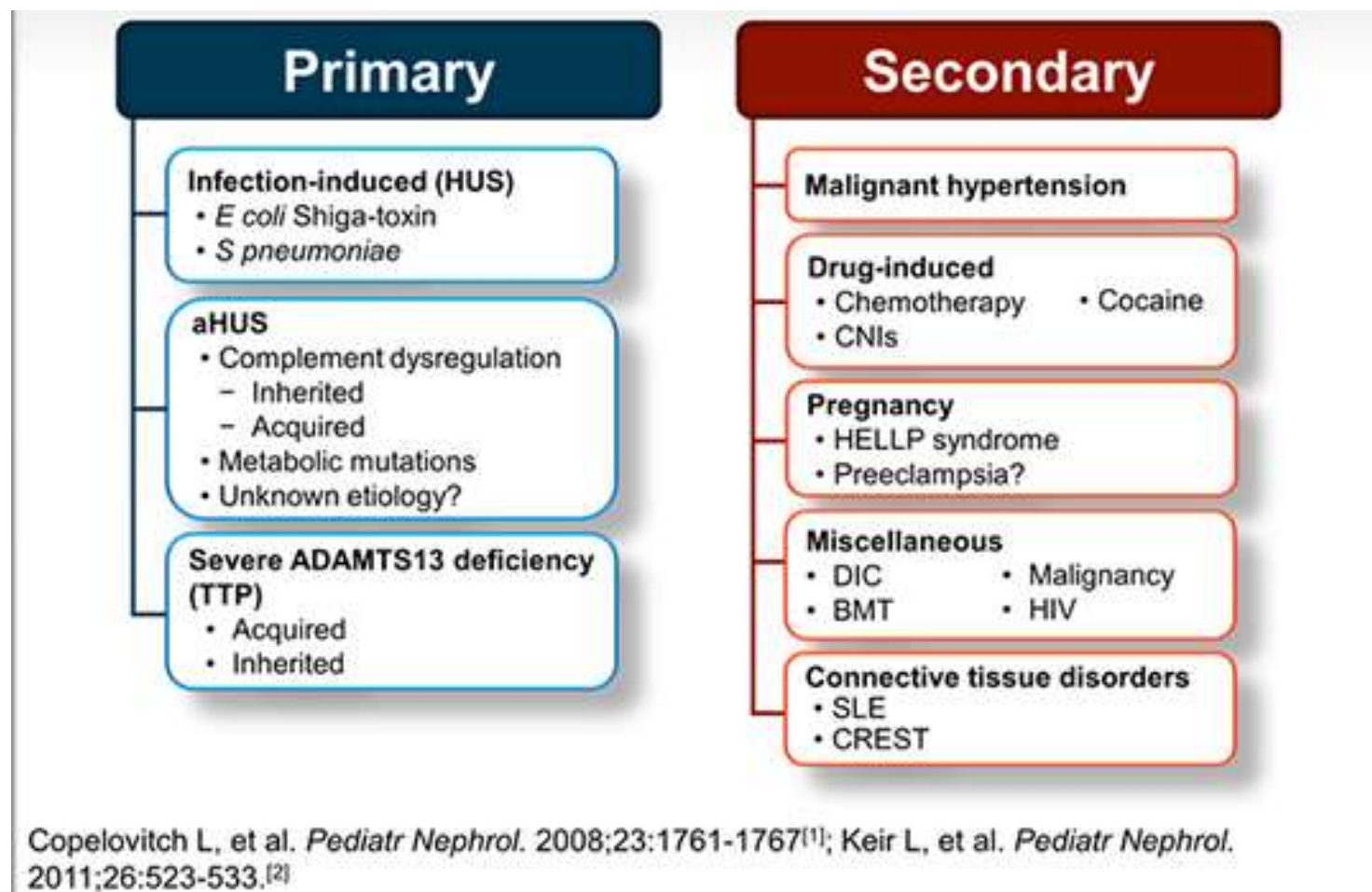
➤ **Consumption of platelets**

➤ **MAHA**

➤ **Partial or complete obstruction  
of vs lumina**



# MAHA + Thrombocytopenia



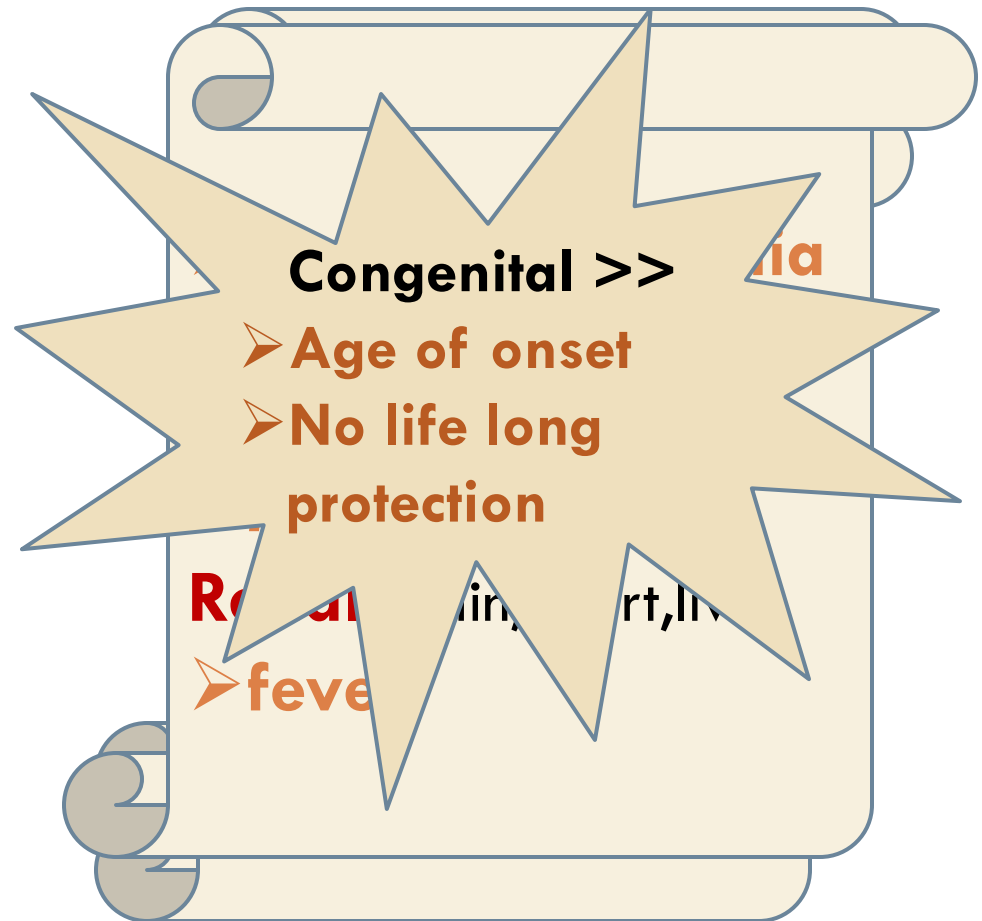
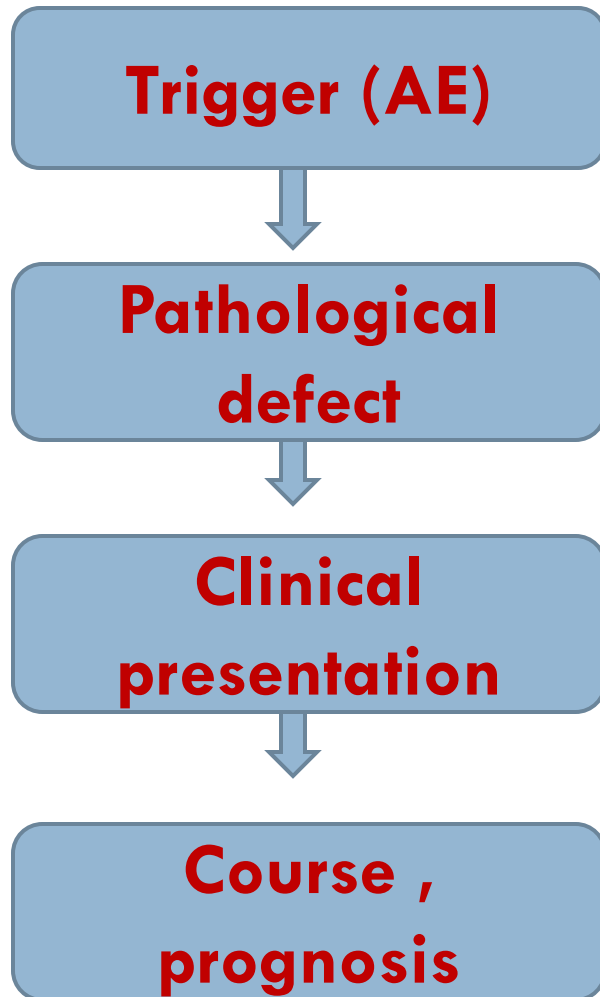


# Magnitude of the problem

**It is the time of extra-ordinary diversity to begin**

- New born – Elderly
- Hereditary – Acquired
- Asymptomatic – lethal
- Renal-CNS-GIT-Skin-Pancreas
- Acute- recurring- chronic
- Amenable- treatment resistant

# Generally (when to suspect ??)





# Focus on

- ❑ **Shiga toxin HUS (STEC-HUS)**
- ❑ **Neuraminidase HUS**
- ❑ **Atypical HUS (aHUS)**
- ❑ **Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)**

# Shiga toxin HUS (STEC-HUS)



## Trigger (AE)

- Shiga toxin producing E.coli with many serotypes :

**O157:H7** - O104:H4

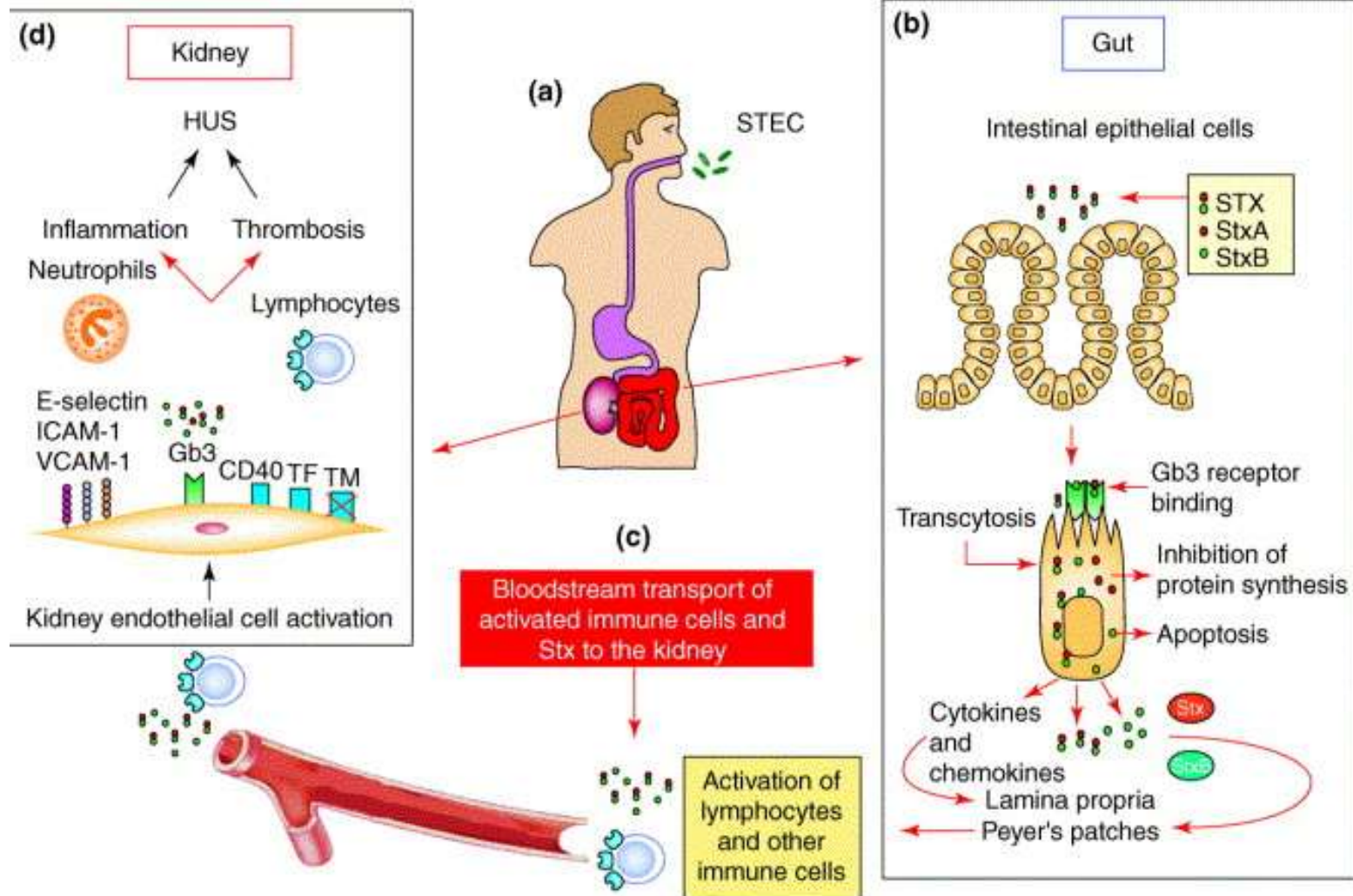
- S.dysenteriae

- **Stool culture**

- Antibody to O157 in  
convalescence

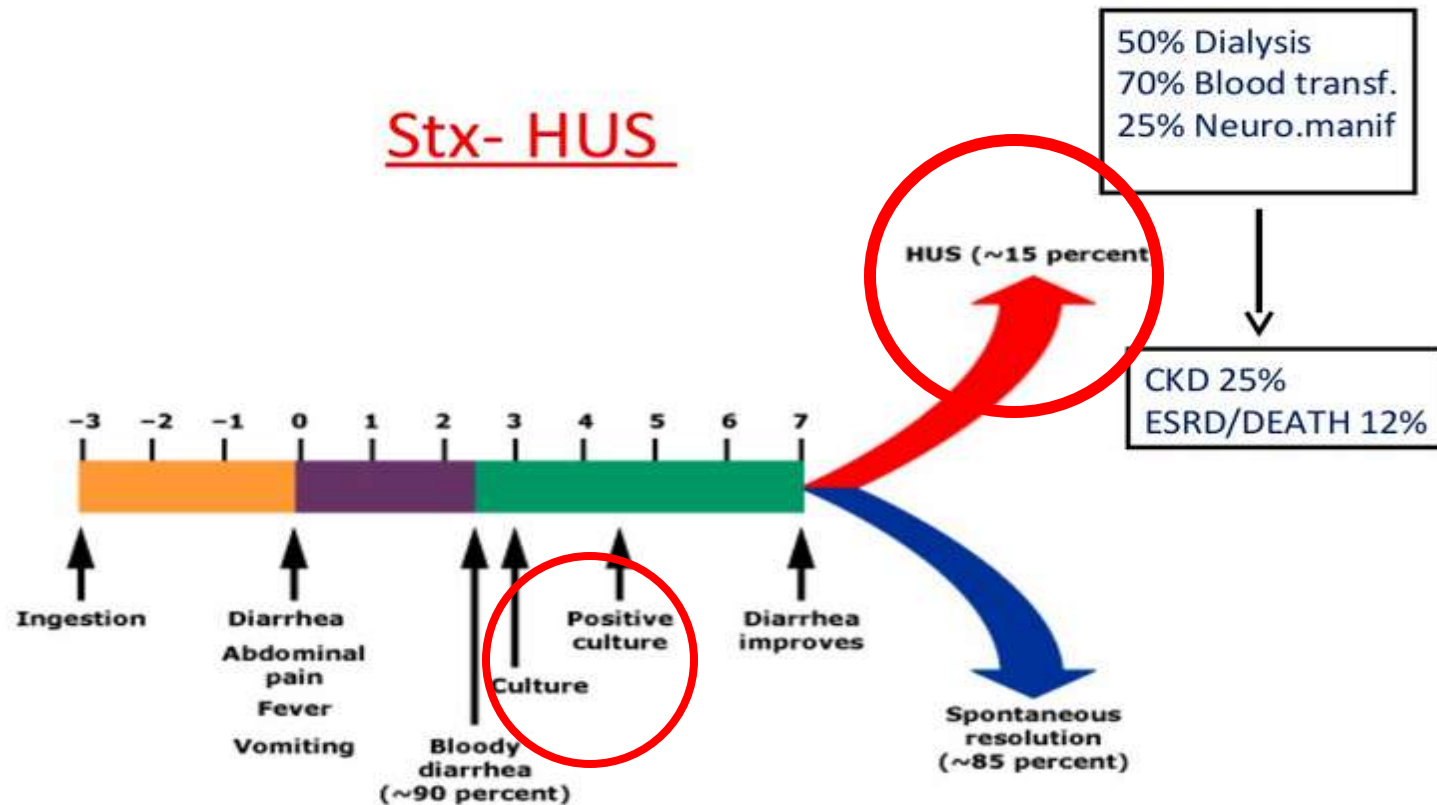


# Pathogenesis



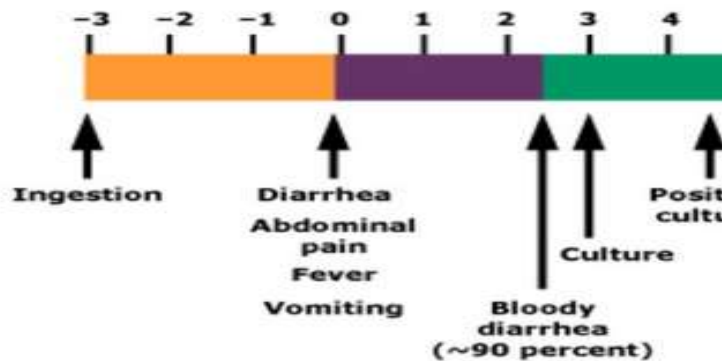


# Clinical course, consequences





# Management



- Volume rehydration by isotonic saline
- **Avoid anti-motility agents**
- Bowel rest in bloody diarrhea

▪ **Antibiotics should be reserved to bactremia, shigella dysentery not for GE**

- ✓ Quinolones, trimethoprim >> increase STX gene expression
- ✓ Azithromycin (German outbreak)

▪ **PEX :**

- ✓ no RCTs
- ✓ Improve MR
- ✓ Should be considered in adult patient with severe AKI or CNS involvement

▪ **Transplantation :** low recurrence rate

# 2011 data



This information is current as of February 9, 2015.

## Alternative Pathway Activation of Complement by Shiga Toxin Promotes Exuberant C3a Formation That Triggers Microvascular Thrombosis

Marina Morigi, Miriam Galbusera, Sara Gastoldi, Monica Locatelli, Simona Buelli, Anna Pezzotta, Chiara Pagani, Marina Noris, Marco Gobbi, Matteo Stravalaci, Daniela Rottoli, Francesco Tedesco, Giuseppe Remuzzi and Carlamaria Zoja

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## Eculizumab in Severe Shiga-Toxin–Associated HUS

N Engl J Med 2011; 364:2561-2563 | June 30, 2011 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc1100859

High plasma levels of complement activation products **Bb** and **C5b-9** were measured in children with STEC-HUS

NO SIGNIFICANT DIFF WITH PLA  
Need more RCTs

# Neuraminidase HUS



- Post s.pneumoniae pneumonia or meningitis

- Rare , fatal

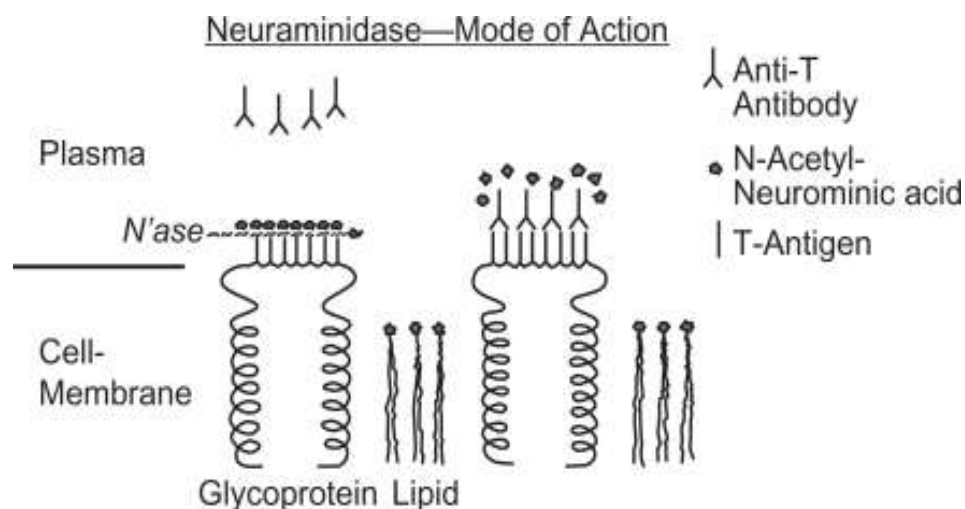
- MR 25%

- **Coombs +ve**

- Management:

- **Antibiotics**

- PEX aggravate problem (may be combined with steroid)







# Atypical HUS (aHUS)

## Classical pathway

IgM, IgG  
Immune complexes

C1q, C1r, C1s

## Lectin pathway

Mannose  
residues

MBL, MASP

## Alternative pathway

Bacteria, bacterial  
toxin, tick over

C3

C3a

C3b

C3bBb

C3 convertase

C3

C3a

C3b

C4bC2aC3b

C5 convertase

C5a

C5b-9 (MAC)

**Complement alternative  
way**

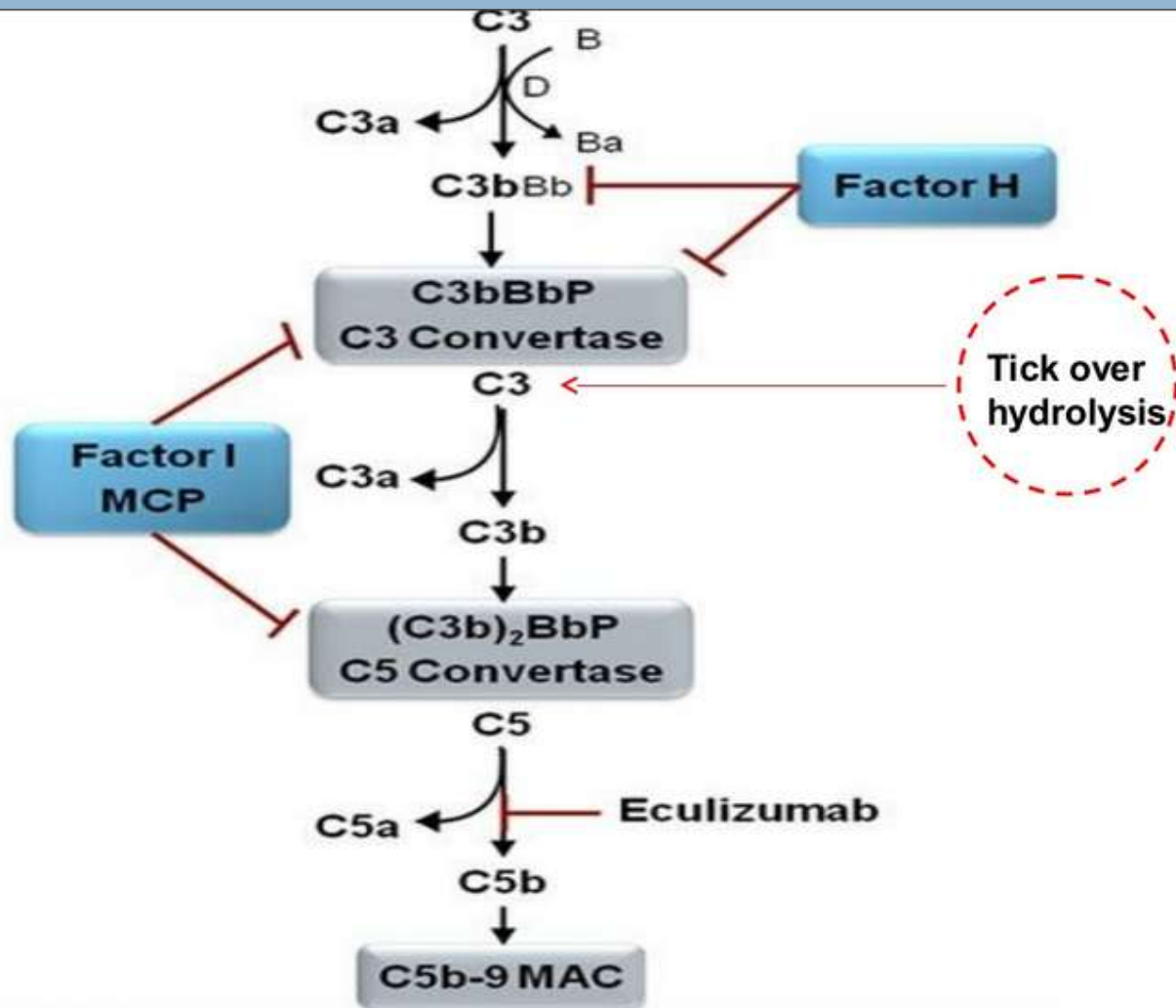
**Low C3  
normal C4**

**Complement gene mutation  
carriers**

**Triggering factors**

Infection, immunosuppressive drugs,  
cancer therapies, oral contraceptives,  
pregnancy, childbirth, etc.

# Pathogenesis

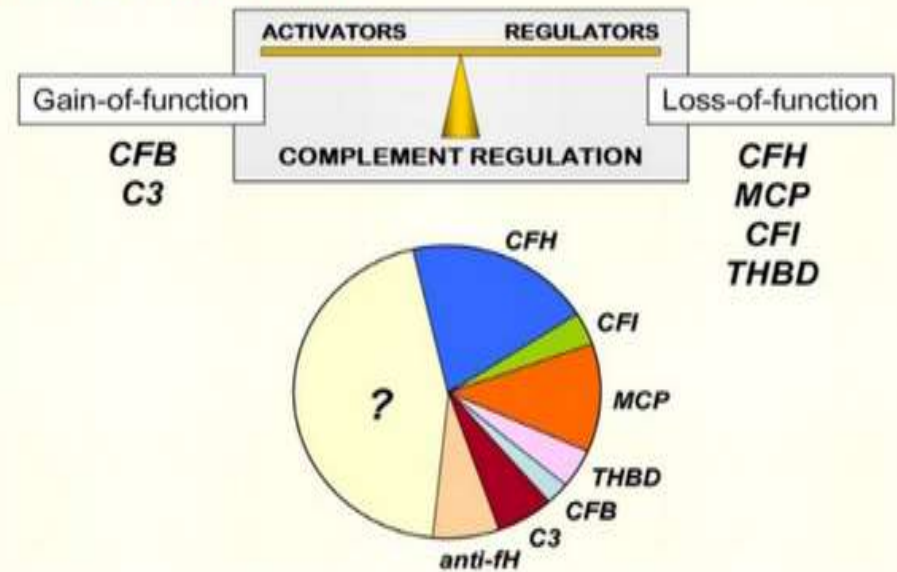


# Pathogenesis, cont.

▪ **Variety of genetic abnormalities** in members of **alternative** pathway of complement >> **60%**

▪ **Acquired (10%):** inhibitory antibodies

## Rare mutations



## Autoantibodies

anti factor H



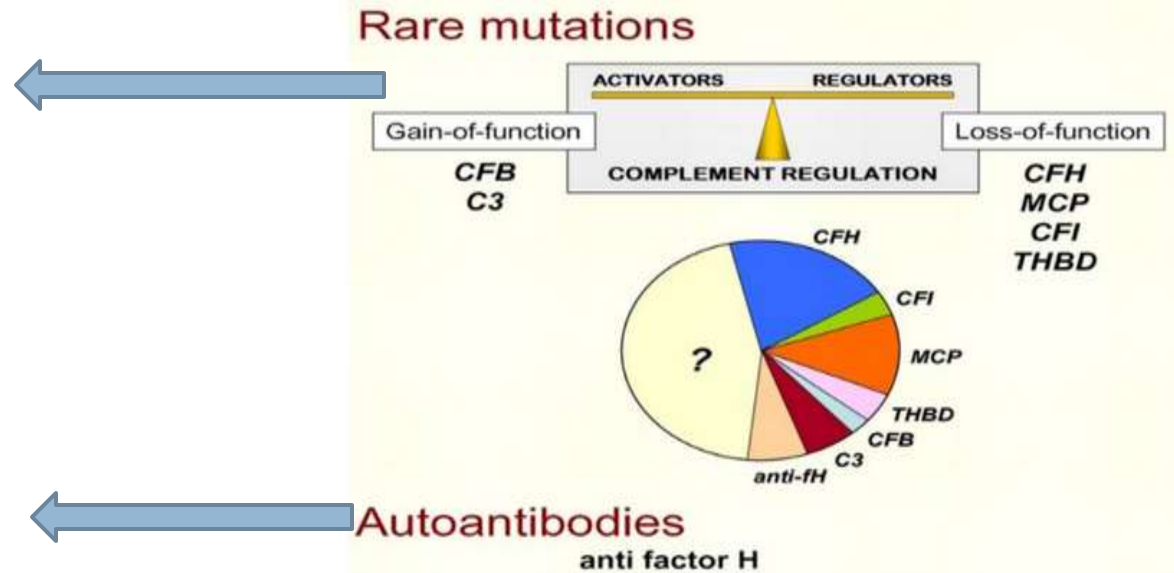
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Outcome of Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome According to Associated Genetic Abnormality					
Affected Gene	Affected Protein (Main Effect)	Frequency in aHUS (%)	Rate of Remission with Plasma Exchange* (%)	Mortality (5-10 yr) or ESRD (%)	Rate of Recurrence After Kidney Transplant (%)
<i>CFH</i>	Factor H (no binding to endothelium)	30	60 (dose and timing dependent)	70-80	60-70
<i>CFHL1, CFHL3</i>	Factor HR1, R3 (anti-factor H antibodies)	5-10	70-80 (combined with immunosuppression)	30-40	40
<i>MCP</i>	Membrane cofactor protein (no surface expression)	10-15	No indication to plasma exchange	<20	15-20
<i>CFI</i>	Factor I (low levels/low cofactor action)	4-10	30-40	60-70	70-80
<i>CFB</i>	Factor B (C3 convertase stabilization)	1-2	30	70	One case reported
<i>C3</i>	Complement C3 (resistance to C3b inactivation)	8-10	40-50	60	40-50
<i>THBD</i>	Thrombomodulin (reduced C3b inactivation)	4-5	60	60	One case reported

# Clinical course



- Presented clinically in childhood (60%)
- Severe presentation
- Renal and extra renal
- Outcome according to mutation



# Management

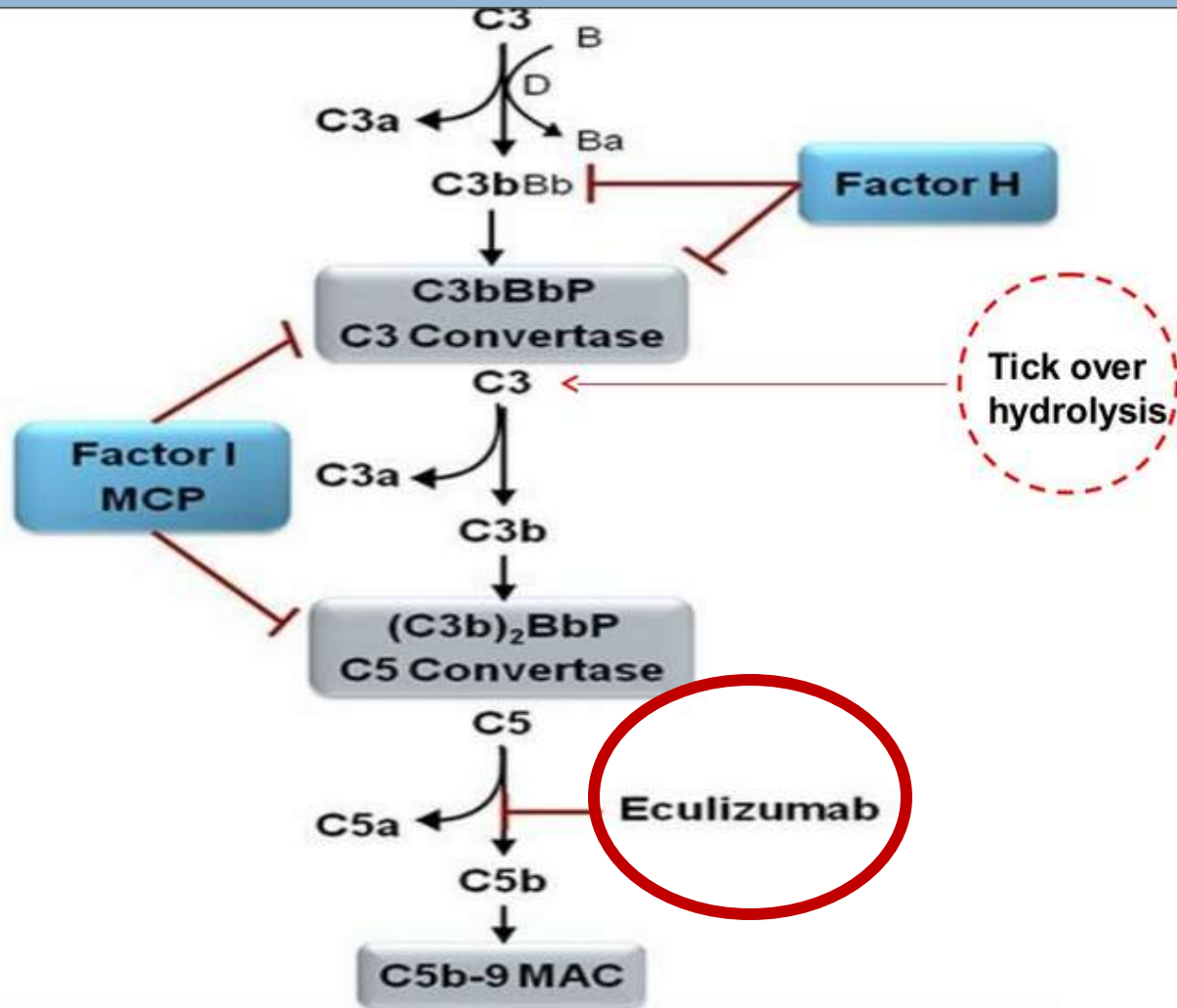


## Plasma therapy

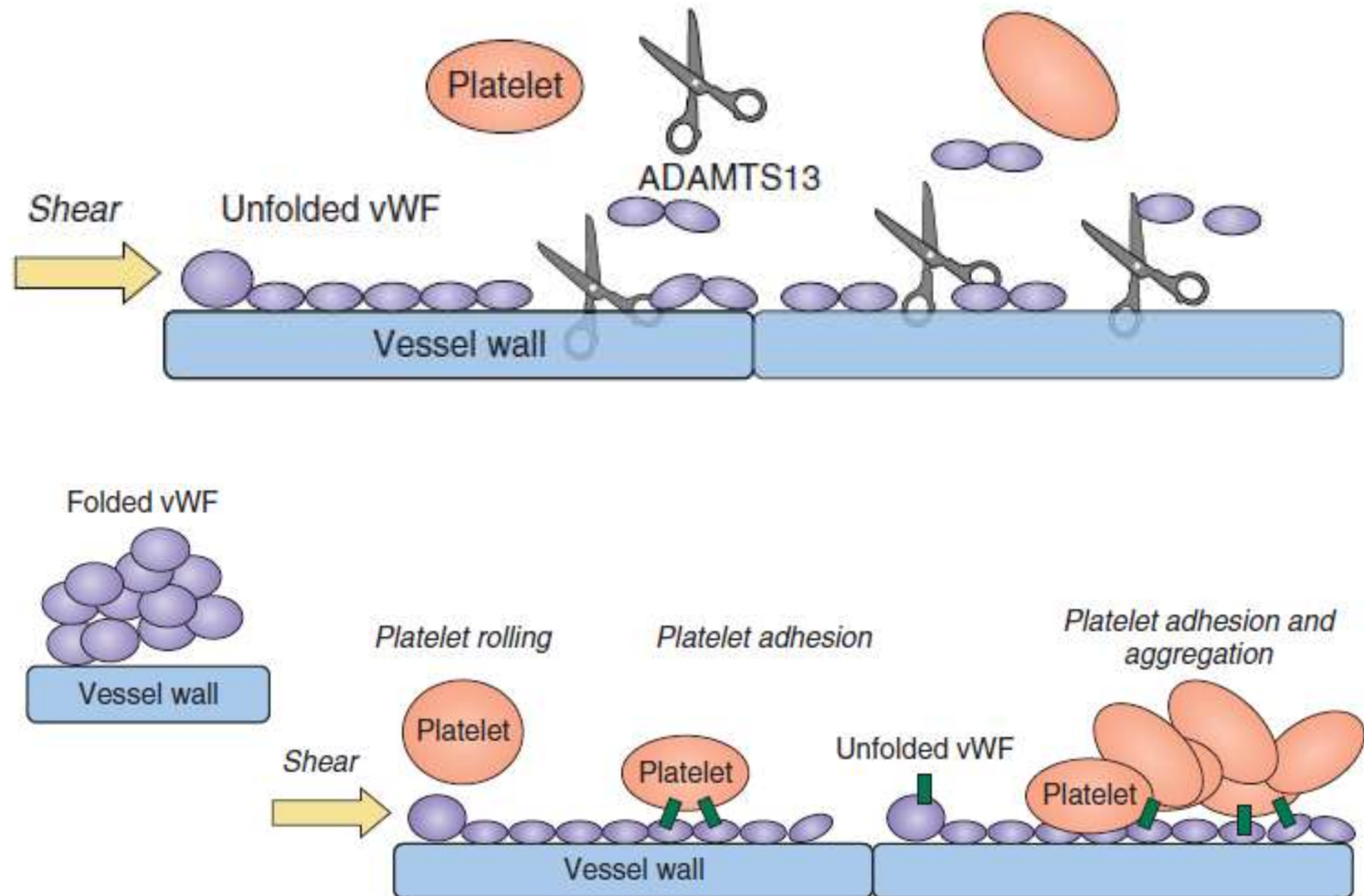
- **Plasma Exchange is superior to Infusion:** allows supplying larger amounts of plasma than would be possible with infusion while avoiding fluid overload.
- **1-2 PV/day**

## Immunosuppressives

- **Corticosteroid, azathioprine or MMF** combined with plasma exchange allowed long-term dialysis-free survival in 60% to 70% of patients.
- **FFP+corticosteroid** : if antibody detected



# TTP (Deficient ADAMTS13)



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## **Acquired (Auto-antibody)**

- 60-90%
- Severe deficiency

## **Genetic mutation**

- Rare
- More than 120 mutations uptill now



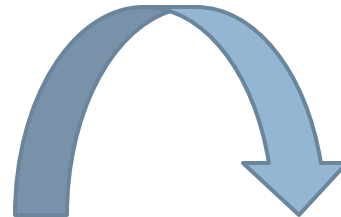
# Clinical course, presentation

## ❑ **Classical pentad (rare)**

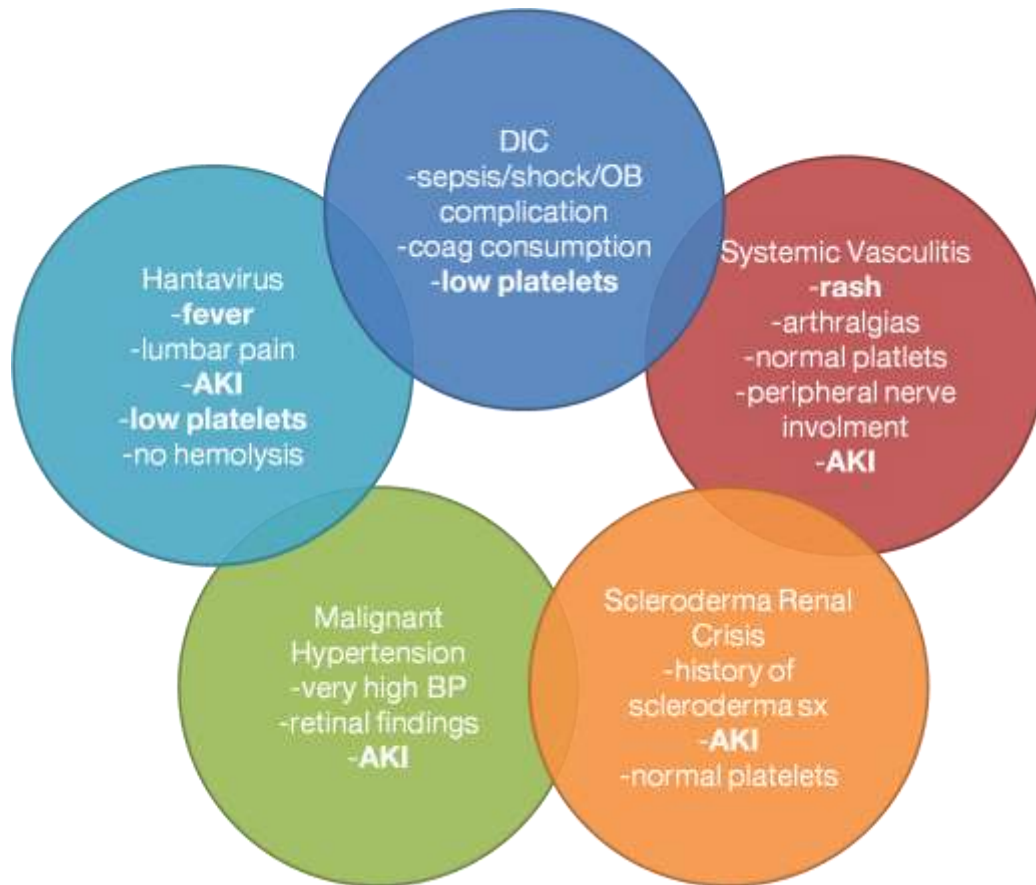
- Thrombocytopenia
- MAHA
- Fluctuating neurological signs
- AKI
- Fever

## ❑ **TTP/HUS**

- Thrombocytopenia
- MAHA



# Cont.



**ADAMTS13 testing**  
**Less than 5%**  
**IgG**

**Exclusion of**  
**infection or drugs**





# Management

- **Plasma exchange** :1-2 PV till improvement or platelet count  $>150000$  (corner stone) as:
  - Replace protease activity.
  - Rapid removing anti-ADAMTS 13 Abs ( Advantage over infusion).
- **FFP,Cryosupernatent**
- **Corticosteroids in combination with PEX**
- **Rituximab**
  - Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody depleting B lymphocytes
  - For resistant cases (PEX+methylprednisolone)
  - Prophylactic in recurrence or presence of antibodies
  - Significant success rate (95%) – 1-4 weeks after dose administration
  - Relapse 9m-4yr  $>> 10\%$
  - Should be monitored by ADAMTS 13 , Antibody titre testing.



# Management, cont.

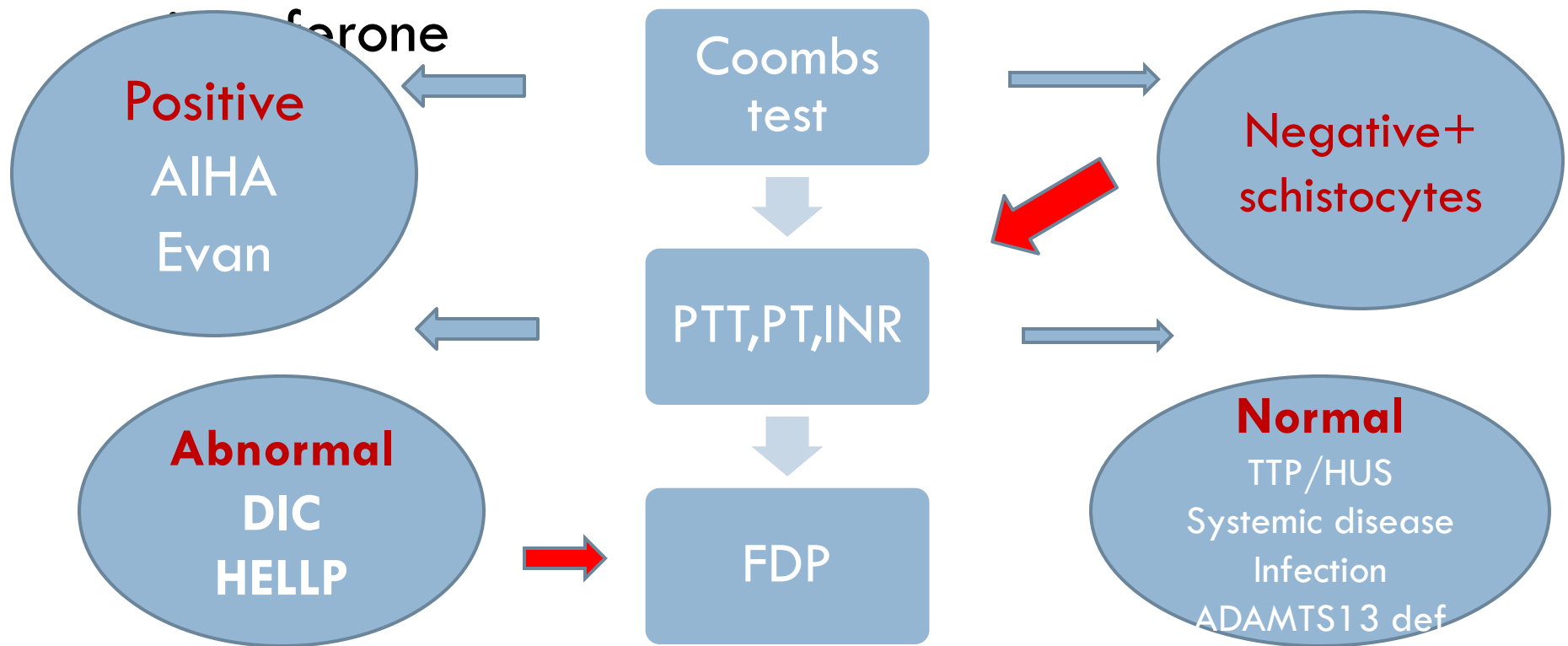
- Patients with congenital ADAMTS 13 deficiency who are :
  - Frequent relapser
  - With severe clinical renal,neurological manifestations
  - With sibling died from TTP

**Prophylactic plasma infusion every 2 to 3 weeks**

# Diagnostic Approach

Anemia – thrombocytopenia-  
reticulocytosis-increased bilirubin,LDH

Exclude Drug induced: quinine-simvastatin-CNIs-





“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.

C. S. Lewis

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